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### COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

# STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 28, 2000

APPLICATION OF

ONLINECHOICE.COM, INC.

CASE NO. PUE000480

For a license to conduct business as an aggregator in electric and natural gas retail access pilot programs

## ORDER GRANTING LICENSE

On September 21, 2000, OnlineChoice.com, Inc.

("OnlineChoice" or "Company"), filed an application for

licensure to conduct business as an aggregator. The application

was completed with an amendment to the application filed

September 29, 2000. The Company states that it proposes to

provide aggregation services in the retail access pilot programs

of Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL"), Columbia Gas of

Virginia, Inc. ("CGV"), Virginia Electric and Power Company

("Virginia Power"), Appalachian Power Company d/b/a American

Electric Power ("AEP-VA") and Rappahannock Electric Cooperative

("REC").

On October 3, 2000, the Commission issued its Order for Notice and Comment, establishing the case, requiring that notice of the application be published, providing for the receipt of comments from the public, and requiring the Commission's Staff

to analyze the reasonableness of OnlineChoice's application and present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before October 31, 2000.

By letter from Counsel dated October 31, 2000, OnlineChoice requested a new Order for Notice and Comment. In support of its request OnlineChoice represented that due to an administrative error it was not able to meet the October 25, 2000 deadline for notice publication that was contained in the Commission's October 3, 2000 Order. On November 2, 2000, the Commission issued an Order Revising Schedule for Notice and Comment in which it required notice to be published on or before November 14, 2000.

The Company filed proof of publication of its notice on November 15, 2000. No comments from the public on OnlineChoice's application were received.

The Staff filed its Report concerning OnlineChoice's fitness to provide competitive aggregation services. The Staff concluded that OnlineChoice satisfies the financial and technical fitness requirements for licensure, and the Staff recommended that a license be granted to OnlineChoice for the provision of aggregation services in the Virginia Power, AEP-VA, REC, WGL and CGV pilot programs.

OnlineChoice did not file a response to the Staff Report.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application, the Staff
Report, and the applicable law, the Commission finds that the
Company's application to provide aggregation services should be
granted. Accordingly,

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) OnlineChoice.com, Inc., hereby is granted license
  No. PA-8 to provide aggregation services to residential and
  commercial customers in conjunction with the retail access pilot
  programs of Virginia Power, AEP-VA, REC, WGL and CGV. This
  license to act as an aggregator is granted subject to the
  provisions of the Interim Rules Governing Electric and Natural
  Gas Retail Access Pilot Programs, 20 VAC 5-311-10 et seq.
  ("Interim Rules"), this Order, and other applicable statutes.
- (2) This license shall expire upon termination of the respective pilot programs unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. This license is not valid authority for the provision of any product or service not identified within the license itself.
- (3) Failure of OnlineChoice to comply with the Interim
  Rules, the provisions of this Order, other State Corporation
  Commission orders and rules, or other applicable state or
  federal laws may result in an enforcement action by the
  Commission including, without limitation, the revocation,
  suspension, or modification of the license granted herein, the

refusal to renew such licenses, the imposition of appropriate fines and penalties, or such other additional actions as may be necessary to protect the public interest.

(4) This case shall remain open for consideration of any subsequent amendments or modifications to these licenses.